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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Janice Au-Young

Title: NOVEL HUMAN STEM CELL ANTIGENS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

13. (Once Amended.) An antisense molecule comprising the nucleic acid sequence complementary to at least a portion of [the] a polynucleotide [of Claim 12] encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, or a biologically or immunologically active fragment thereof.

17. (Once Amended.) A diagnostic test for a condition[s] associated with expression of [the nucleic acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:4 in a biological sample] a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, or a biologically or immunologically active fragment thereof,
comprising [the steps of]:

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